

Every year drug abuse kills 14,000 Americans and costs taxpayers nearly \$70 billion. Drug abuse fuels spouse and child abuse, property and violent crime, the incarceration of young men and women, the spread of AIDS, workplace and motor vehicle accidents, and absenteeism in the work force.

For our children's sake and the sake of this Nation, this menace must be confronted through a rational, coherent, cooperative, and long-range strategy. I ask the Congress to join me in a partnership to carry out this national strategy to reduce illegal drug use and its devastating impact on America.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 25, 1997.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 6 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 506 of the congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-1), and to provide for the completion of ongoing proceedings, the Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices is reconstituted in the 105th Congress in the same form as at the end of the 104th Congress by the following appointing authorities:

By the Speaker: Mr. Randy Johnson and Mr. Alan F. Coffey, Jr., both members from private life.

By the minority leader: Ms. Karen Nelson and Ms. Marda Robillard, both members from private life.

By the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Chairman, and Mr. NEY.

By the ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight: Mr. JEFFERSON and Mr. PASTOR.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. YATES.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 103, Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Speaker appoints the following Member to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. BONIOR.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of sections 5580 and 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43) the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. TORRES.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy: Mr. HOYER and Mr. McHALE.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House to

the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy: Mr. HEFNER and Mr. SKELTON.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. GEJDENSON.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. DICKS and Mr. TANNER.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 1295(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. MANTON.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 3(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 104-169 and the Order of the House of Thursday, February 13, 1997, authorizing the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, and upon consultation with the minority leader, the Speaker, on February 13, 1997, appointed as a member from private life on the part of the House to the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission: Mr. John Wilhelm of Washington, DC.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1147. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1148. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on support for east European democracy for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1149. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to melons, received on February 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1150. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to domestic dates, received on February 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1151. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to import regulations, received on February 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1152. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to insured electric loans, received on February 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1153. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to large traders, received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1154. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation to resolve an outstanding issue relating to action taken in the Omnibus Appropriation Act of 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1155. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize construction at certain military installations for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1156. A communication from the Director of the Defense and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cost comparison study relative to all Depot Maintenance Accounting functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1157. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule concerning exports to Cuba, (RIN0694-AB43) received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1158. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to holding period requirements, received on February 21, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1159. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule non-qualified thrift lenders, received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1160. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to harvest specifications of groundfish, (RIN0648-XX69) received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1161. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to harvest specifications of groundfish, (RIN0648-XX74) received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1162. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to directing fishing for pollock, (RIN0648-XX69) received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1163. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National